by her owne.

Falſt. What is the groſſe ſumme that I owe thee?

Hoſt. Mary if thou wert an honeſt man thy ſelfe and the mony too: thou didſt ſweare to me vpon a parcell guilt goblet, ſitting in my dolphin chamber, at the round table by a ſea cole fire, vpon wedneſday in Wheeſon weeke, when the prince broke thy head, for liking his father to a ſinging man of Windſor, thou didſt ſweare to me thē, as I was waſhing thy wound, to marry me, and make me my lady thy wife, canſt thou deny it, did not goodwife Keech the butchers wife come in then and cal me goſſip Quickly, comming in to borow a meſſe of vinegar, telling vs ſhe had a good diſh of prawnes, whereby thou didſt deſire to eate ſome, whereby I told thee they were ill for a greene wound, and didſt thou not, when ſhe was gone down ſtayers, deſire me, to be no more ſo familiarity, with ſuch poore people, ſaying that ere long they ſhould cal me madam, and didſt thou not kiſſe me, and bid me fetch thee thirtie ſhillings, I put thee now to thy booke oath, denie it if thou canſt.

Falſt. My lord this is a poore mad ſoule, and ſhe ſaies vp and downe the towne, that her eldeſt ſonne is like you, ſhe hath bin in good caſe, and the trueth is pouerty hath diſtracted her, but for theſe fooliſh officers, I beſeech you I may haue redreſſe againſt them.

Lo. Sir Iohn, ſir Iohn, I am wel acquainted with your maner of wrenching the true cauſe, the falſe way: it is not a confident brow, nor the throng of words that come with ſuch more then impudent ſawcines from you can thruſt me from a leuel conſideration: you haue as it appeares to me practiſde vpon the eaſie yeelding ſpirite of this woman, and made her ſerue your vſes both in purſe and in perſon.

Hoſt. Yea in truth my Lord.

Lo. Pray thee peace, pay her the debt you owe her, and vnpay the villany you haue done with her, the one you may doe with ſterling mony, and the other with currant repentance.

Falſt. My Lord I will not vndergoe this ſnepe without reply, you cal honorable boldnes impudent ſawcineſſe, if a man wil

wil make curtſie and ſay nothing, he is vertuous, no my Lord my humble duty remembred. I will not bee your ſuter, I ſay to you I do deſire deliuerance from theſe officers, being vpon haſty imployment in the Kings affayres.

Lord You ſpeake as hauing power to do wrong, but anſwer in th'effect of your reputation, and ſatisfie the poore woman.

Falſt. Come hither hoſteſſe.

Lord Now maſter Gower, what newes. *enter a meſſenger.*

Gower The King my Lord, and Harry prince of Wales, Are neare at hand, the reſt the paper tells.

Falſt. As I am a gentleman!

Hoſt. Faith you ſaid ſo before.

Falſt. As I am a gentleman, come, no more words of it.

Hoſt. By this heaunly ground I tread on, I muſt be faine to pawne both my plate, & the tapeſtry of my dining chambers.

Falſt. Glaſſes glaſſes is the onely drinking, and for thy wals a pretty ſleight drollery, or the ſtorie of the prodigal, or the Iarman hunting in waterworke, is worth a thouſand of theſe bed-hangers, and theſe flie bitten tapeſtrie, let it be x. l. if thou canſt: come, and twere not for thy humors, theres not a better wench in England, goe waſh thy face and draw the action, come thou muſt not be in this humor with me, doſt not know me, come, come, I know thou waſt ſet on to this.

Hoſt. Pray thee ſir Iohn let it be but twentie nobles, ifaith I am loath to pawne my plate ſo God ſaue me law.

Falſt. Let it alone, ile make other ſhift, youle be a foole ſtil.

Hoſt. Well, you ſhall haue it, though I pawne my gowne, I hope youle come to ſupper, youle pay me al together.

Falſt. Wil I liue? goe with her, with her, hooke on, hooke on. *exit hoſteſſe and ſergeant.*

Hoſt. Will you haue Doll Tere-ſheet meete you at ſupper.

Falſt. No more words, lets haue her.

Lord I haue heard better newes.

Falſt. Whats the newes my lord?

Lord Where lay the King to night?

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